Domestic Girlfriend

KODANSHA COMICS

CHAPTER 189

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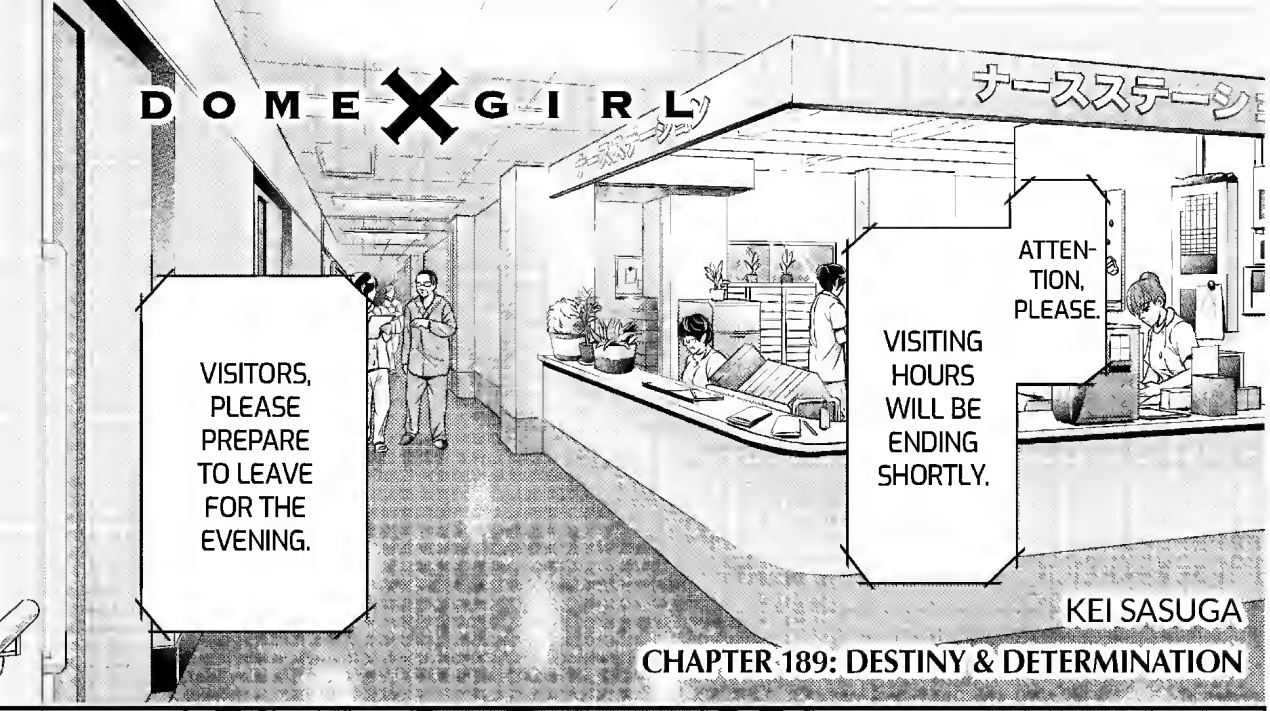
DOME GIRL
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VISITORS, PLEASE PREPARE TO LEAVE FOR THE EVENING.
VISITING HOURS WILL BE ENDING SHORTLY.
ATTEN-TION, PLEASE.
KEI SASUGA
CHAPTER 189: DESTINY & DETERMINATION

OKAY. I'M TAKING OFF.

SORRY... I WOULD HAVE COME EARLIER,
BUT I WAS BUSY WORKING ON A NEW DISH FOR THE FALL MENU.
AH...

AL-READY ?
YOU JUST GOT HERE.
WELL, WHAT CAN I DO? VISITING HOURS ARE OVER.
YEAH, BUT...
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SURE.

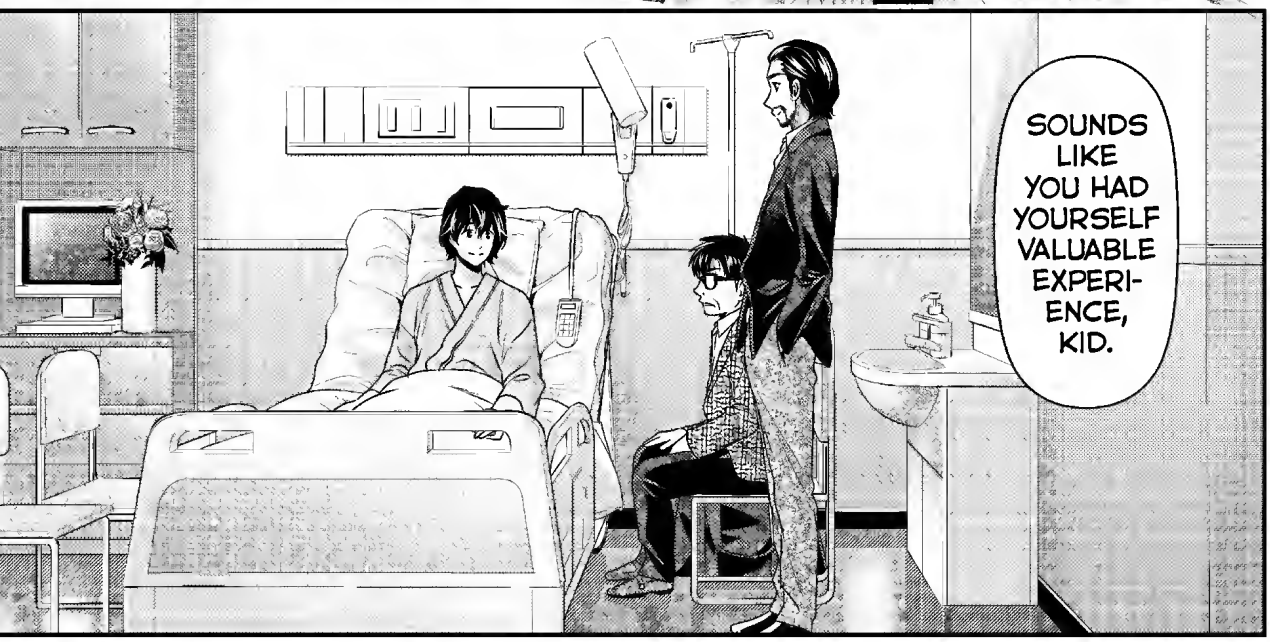
I'LL BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

I'M GOING HOME.
OH...
DONE ALREADY?
HINA-NEE.
IT'S OKAY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE THE ROOM WHEN I VISIT HIM, Y'KNOW.
ARE YOU STAYING OVER AGAIN, HINA-NEE?
THAT'S THE PLAN.
I BETTER BE CARE-FUL NOT TO FALL ASLEEP IN MY CHAIR AGAIN.

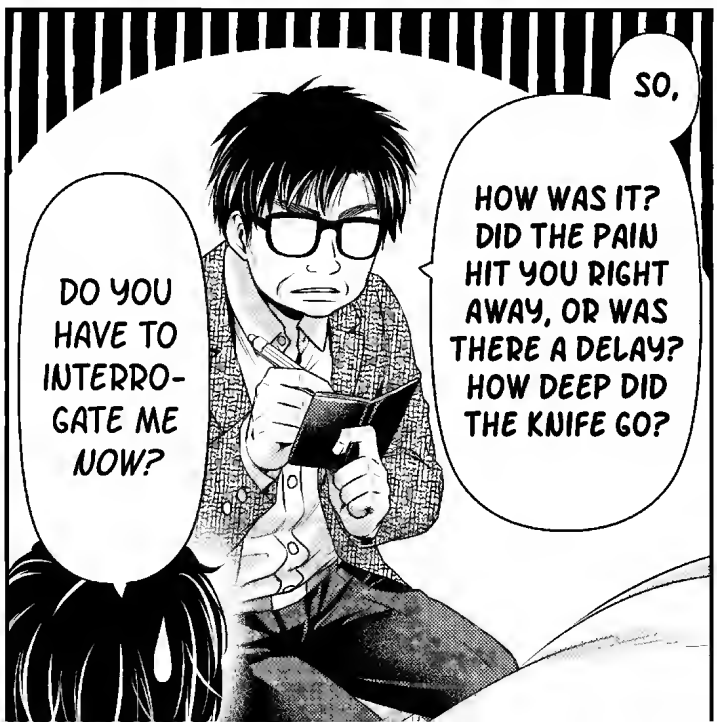
UM... IF YOU WANNA GO HOME, THAT'S COOL.
I CAN CALL THE NURSE IF I NEED ANY-THING.
AM I BUG-GING YOU?
NO! IT'S JUST...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO WEAR YOURSELF OUT.
DON'T SWEAT IT.
IT'S MY FAULT YOU'RE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I WANT TO HELP YOU HOWEVER I CAN.
OTHER-WISE, I'LL FEEL EVEN WORSE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I'M FINE.
HOW'S THE PAIN?

WHY DON'T WE START YOU ON SOME SOLID FOOD AGAIN AND SEE HOW THAT GOES?
EX-CUSE ME!
YOUR DRAINAGE LEVELS ARE STABLE, TOO. EVERYTHING LOOKS GOOD.
GREAT.
IT STINGS WHEN I MOVE, BUT IT'S NOT SO BAD IF I STAY STILL.
HMM.
...
...BUT THEY'LL NEVER GO AWAY COM-PLETELY.
GIVEN ENOUGH TIME, SOME PATIENTS SEE THEIR SCARS FADE UNTIL THEY'RE PRACTICALLY UNNOTICEABLE ...
I...
I SEE ...
WILL...
WILL HE...
...HAVE A SCAR?

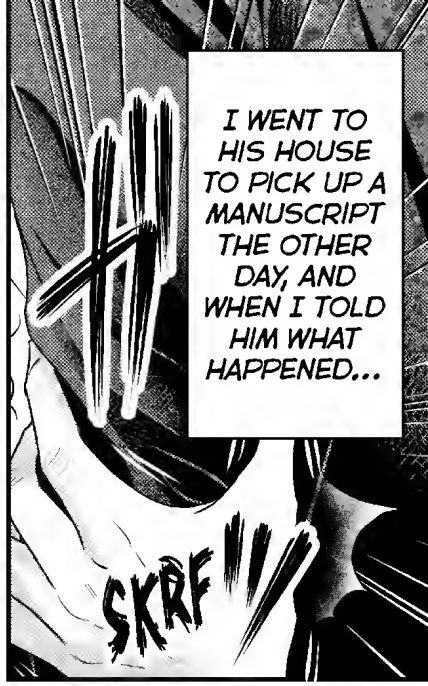
THERE AREN'T MANY AUTHORS WHO CAN SAY THEY'VE BEEN STABBED.


SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAD YOURSELF VALUABLE EXPERI-ENCE, KID.

HA, HA. FIRSTHAND ACCOUNTS ARE HARD TO COME BY, AFTER ALL.
BUT BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SENSEI WAS ACTUALLY WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU.


SO,
HOW WAS IT? DID THE PAIN HIT YOU RIGHT AWAY, OR WAS THERE A DELAY? HOW DEEP DID THE KNIFE GO?
DO YOU HAVE TO INTERRO-GATE ME NOW?

IS HE OKAY ?!
DID THEY SAVE HIM ?!
WHAT'S HIS CONDI-TION?!


I WENT TO HIS HOUSE TO PICK UP A MANUSCRIPT THE OTHER DAY, AND WHEN I TOLD HIM WHAT HAPPENED...
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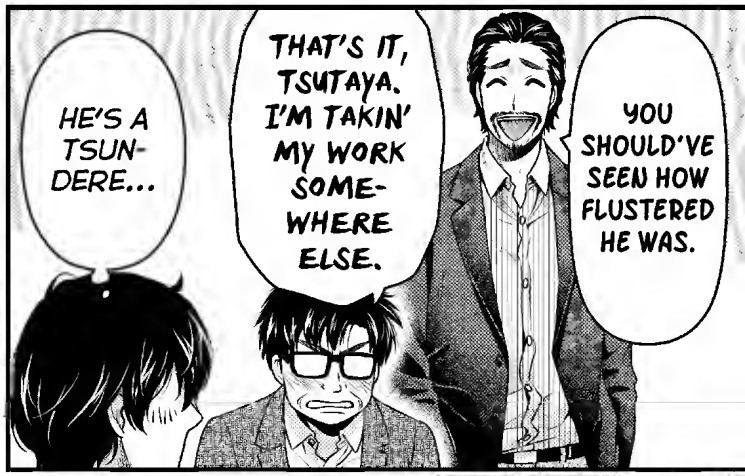
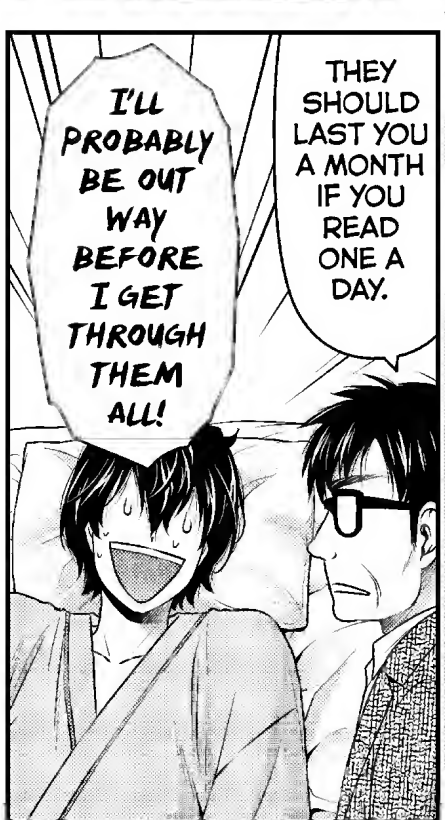
BY THE WAY, THAT'S A BIG BAG YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU.
GOING ON AN-OTHER TRIP?
OH, THIS ?


HE'S A TSUN-DERE...
THAT'S IT, TSUTAYA. I'M TAKIN' MY WORK SOME-WHERE ELSE.
YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HOW FLUSTERED HE WAS.


THEY SHOULD LAST YOU A MONTH IF YOU READ ONE A DAY.
I'LL PROBABLY BE OUT WAY BEFORE I GET THROUGH THEM ALL!

I BROUGHT YOU SOME BOOKS.
I THOUGHT THEY MIGHT GIVE YOU SOME IDEAS FOR YOUR CRIME STORY.
NOT MUCH ELSE FOR YOU TO DO, RIGHT?
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SPEAK-ING OF YOUR NEW PIECE ...
WHAT'S THE PLAN? GIVEN EVERY-THING THAT'S HAPPENED, WANNA CHANGE THE THEME?
NO.
I'M STICKING WITH IT.
I'D BE CRAZY NOT TO USE THIS EXPERIENCE FOR MY WRITING.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SENSEI ?
SO...
...WHEN I GET A CHANCE ...
...I'M GONNA VISIT THE GUY IN PRISON.
HE'S STILL DENYING HE HAD ANY INTENT TO KILL.
SO I HEAR.
I WANT TO ASK HIM ABOUT THAT, TOO.
I THINK I'M ACTUALLY MORE INTERESTED IN CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY BECAUSE OF THIS WHOLE MESS.
HE REALLY SEEMED LIKE A NICE GUY WHEN WE FIRST MET. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT CHANGED HIM.

OR...
...IF HE EVEN CHANGED AT ALL.
EVERYONE, FINISH UP WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND TAKE 15.
ROGER.
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NATSUU
How late are you working tonight? Call me when you get off.
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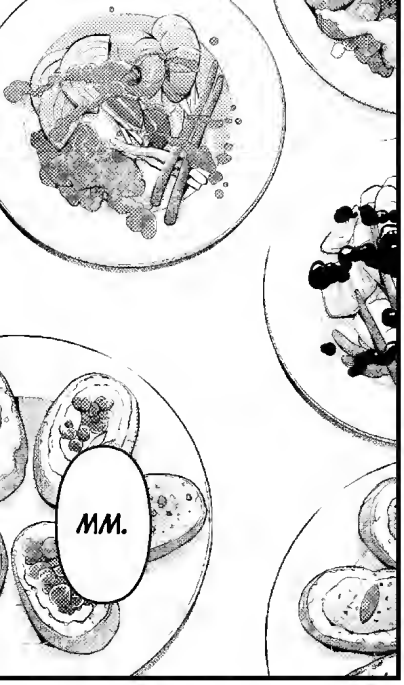
RUI
ヴー BVVV
HELLO? HEY, RUI.
THAT WAS QUICK.
ARE YOU ALREADY OFF WORK?

NO, IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA BE STAYING LATE TONIGHT.
I'M ON BREAK NOW.
OH.
I SEE.
WHAT'S UP? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
NO... NOT REALLY.
I JUST WANTED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE.
OH...
...
RUI...
IF IT HAD BEEN YOU INSTEAD OF HINA-NEE...
...I STILL WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME THING.
JUST BECAUSE I SAVED HER,
I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK I STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR—
NO!

THAT'S NOT IT.
IT'S NOT, I JUST ...
SORRY!
RU-
...
YOU GUYS STAY-ING?
YES, FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
PHEW. HARD WORK-ERS.
I'M TAKIN' OFF. NIGHT.
GOOD NIGHT.
NIGHT...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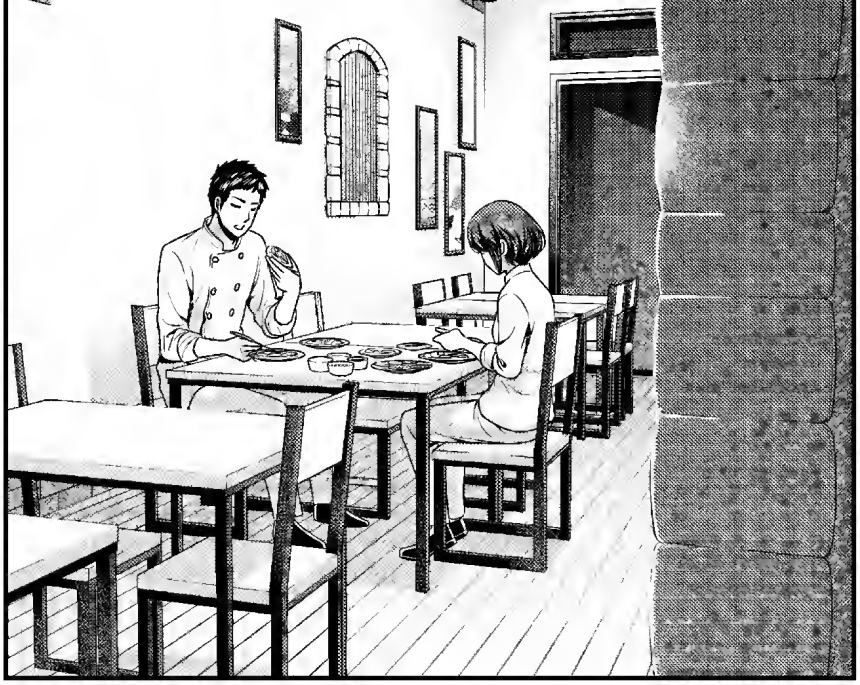
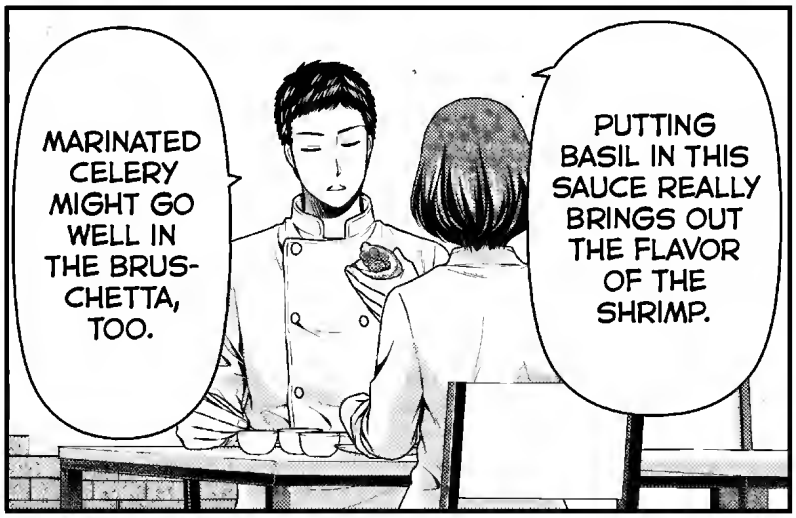
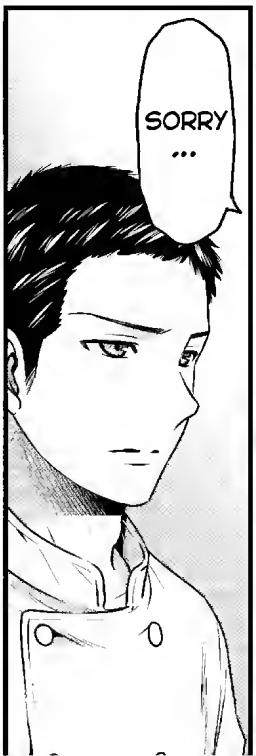


WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HEY.


MARINATED CELERY MIGHT GO WELL IN THE BRUS-CHETTA, TOO.
PUTTING BASIL IN THIS SAUCE REALLY BRINGS OUT THE FLAVOR OF THE SHRIMP.

IS SOME-THING WRONG?
YOU'VE BEEN KINDA...
...OUT OF IT THE LAST FEW DAYS.
YOU'RE GONNA HURT YOURSELF AGAIN IF YOU KEEP THIS UP.


SORRY...

HUH?
OH...
I'M ASKING HOW THEY TASTE SIDE-BY-SIDE.
WE STAYED BEHIND TO WORK ON THE NEW MENU, REMEMBER? FOCUS.

...
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN ?
I MEAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHARE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BE CAREFUL AT WORK, AT LEAST.
I KNOW.
TRUST ME, I KNOW.
HEY, KAJITA ...
...
...IN DESTINY ?
DO YOU BELIEVE ...

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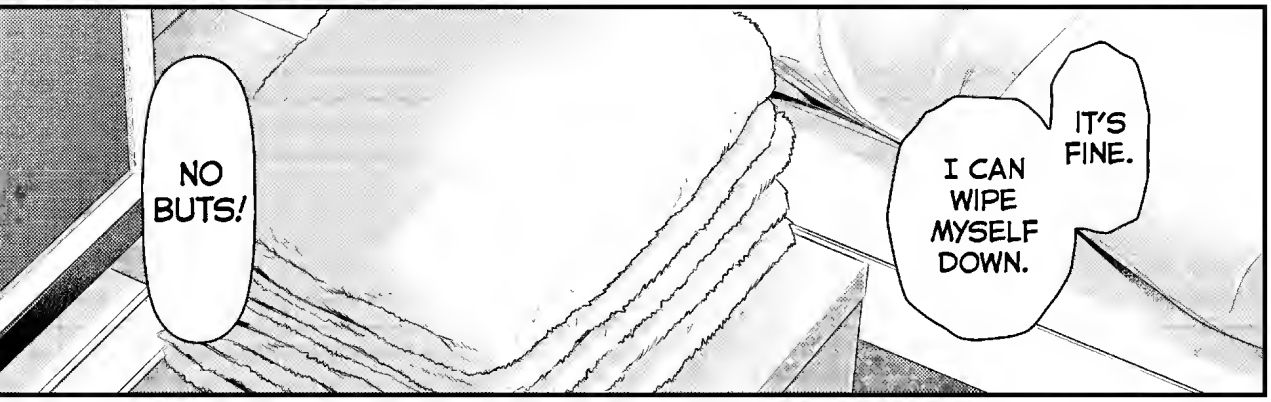
NO
BUTS!
I CAN
WIPE
MYSELF
DOWN.
IT'S
FINE.

PLUS,
I ALREADY
TOLD THE
NURSE I'D
DO IT!
LEAVE IT
TO ME!
I LOOKED
UP THE
PROPER
PROCEDURE
FOR A
SPONGE
BATH,
TOO!
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...

YOU CAN'T
REACH
YOUR BACK,
RIGHT?
YOU'LL
AGGRAVATE
THE WOUND
IF YOU BEND
AND STRETCH
TOO MUCH,
ANYWAY.

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DON'T GET ANY FUNNY IDEAS!
THIS IS JUST REGULAR OLD CARE-GIVING!
I'LL GET YOUR CHEST NEXT.
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OOOH!

OH...
YOUR BAN-DAGE...
I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TOUCH IT, EITHER, SO I'LL ASK THE NURSE TO GET UNDER IT LATER.
OH, OKAY.
...
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SRSHH
THROB

YOO-HOO, NATSUO-CHAN! I'M HEEERE!
SORRY IT TOOK ME SO LONG TO VISIT!
OOPS...
AM I INTERRUPT-ING?
NOPE!
NOT AT ALL!
I CAN COME BACK ANOTHER TIME IF YOU WANT.
HERE.
I MADE YOU SOME MADE-LEINES. ♡
OH, BUT YOU CAN'T EAT THEM, CAN YOU?
I CAN IF I TAKE IT SLOW.
REALLY?! I PUT MY HEART INTO THEM, SO FEEL FREE TO SHARE THEM WITH YOUR FAMILY. ♪
THANKS A LO-
!

UHH... I DUNNO ABOUT GIVING THESE TO MY FAMILY.
OH? I'M SURE YOUR BIG SIS AND RUI-RUI WILL EAT THEM RIGHT UP.
I'D RATHER THEY DIDN'T.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING ?
I HEARD THINGS GOT SCARY THERE FOR A MINUTE.
YEAH, BUT THE WOUND SEEMS TO BE HEALING SMOOTHLY.
WELL, BACK IN MY MOBSTER DAYS, ONE OF THE YOUNGER GUYS TOOK A BULLET IN THE SIDE AND WALKED AWAY OKAY,
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A BULLET ?!
SO I GUESS IT'S MORE COMMON THAN YOU'D THINK!
I'M A LITTLE RELIEVED.
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I SUP-POSE THAT'S TRUE.
BUT I ALSO KNOW THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO MOPE AROUND.
I DO FEEL GUILTY.
KNOWING YOU,
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE BEATING YOURSELF UP OVER THIS.
YOU KNOW, KOBA-YASHI-SAN?
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.
...
BROODING OVER THINGS WON'T DO ANYONE ANY GOOD.
FROM NOW ON,
I'M GOING TO DEVOTE MY LIFE TO SUPPORTING NATSUO-KUN.